

# Establishing a Fire Brigade

WAC 296-811-200

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### YOUR RESPONSIBILITY:

**To decide on brigade functions in the workplace and make sure  
brigade members are capable of doing them**

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## Rule

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### Organizing statement

#### You must

- Develop a written fire brigade policy that's available for inspection by employees or their designated representatives, that covers all of the following:
  - The role and responsibilities of the fire brigade in the workplace.
  - The basic organizational structure of the fire brigade.
  - The number of brigade members.
  - Type, amount, and frequency of training for brigade members according to the section *Fire fighting training*, WAC 296-811-30010, in this chapter.



#### Note:

You may also want to include:

- Descriptions of brigade member duties.
- Line authority of each brigade officer.
- Number of brigade officers.
- Number of training instructors.



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## Rule

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### Physical capability of brigade members

#### You must

- Make sure brigade members who are assigned to fight interior structural fires are physically capable of doing this activity.
  - Don't permit employees with known physical limitations that can be reasonably identified, such as heart disease or seizure disorder, to participate in structural fire fighting activities unless the employee has been released by a physician to do so.



#### Note:

Not all brigade members need to be physically capable of fighting interior structural fires. Brigade members who aren't physically capable of fighting interior structural fires may be assigned to other brigade duties that match their physical capabilities, such as pump operation or fire prevention inspection.

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